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**Attachments:** EIS STATUS MATRIX.110918.docx

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**Hot Issues:** None

**Second Tier Issues:**

**Rover Natural Gas Pipeline, PA/WV/OH/MI (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission):**

- On 11/1/18, FERC approved additional portions of this project to begin commercial operations.
- FERC and the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration have required over \$11 million in construction repairs (e.g., pipeline cracks, ruptures, dents and faulty welds) by the company, Energy Transfer Partners, before full operations can begin.
- PHMSA will not impose penalties for construction defects and use of unqualified third-party inspectors. Press reports estimated PHMSA could have imposed over \$6 million in penalties.
- FERC and the States of Ohio and West Virginia have taken numerous enforcement actions, including stop-work orders, during construction, including Ohio EPA's suit seeking \$2.3 million in fines for a spill of over 200,000 gallons of drilling mud into the Tuscarawas River and adjacent wetlands.
- This pipeline will transport more than 3 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day from gas fields in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ohio to markets in Ohio, Michigan, and Ontario.
- EPA commented on the Draft and Final EISs for this project on 4/11/16 and 9/1/16, respectively.
- In our EIS comments, EPA commended FERC for the reduction in wetland impacts and asked that the Record of Decision include wetland and stream mitigation plans, forest mitigation commitments, and plans for emergency response. We previously raised concerns with wetlands, streams, upland forests, wildlife, environmental justice, noise, climate change, and mitigation.

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